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Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
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Dear Alice:

Thank you for your letter of February 2, 1993 requesting EPA participation in the Virginia City National Historic Landmark. The background material you sent relating to the Butte National Historic Landmark provides a conceptual framework for EPA's participation on the Comstock.

I think you misinterpreted our earlier telephone conversation when I told you that I was hesitant to participate in multi-agency agreement and planning meetings. I explained that the Potential Responsible Party Search (PRP Search) which I am managing is a short-term activity and would probably be completed during this calendar year. Consequently, my participation in the Virginia City National Historic Landmark would not provide the long-term commitment you require. Instead, you should direct your request to Sean Hogan, the Remedial Project Manager, who will be managing the remedial investigation, which will probably be an on-going multi-year activity.

I have forwarded your letter to Sean, who can be reached at (415) 744-2233. Please don't hesitate to contact him regarding this matter. As to your request regarding the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's role at the Carson River Mercury Site, I suggest that you contact them directly, as they are a division within your own department.

Sincerely,

Steven H. Simanonok
Civil Investigator

cc w/incoming: Sean Hogan H-6-3